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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 9, 2007

DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK

DIRECTOR: BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, ACTING

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on the certification of canvassed election returns for the April 3, 2007 Municipal Primary Election

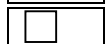
Fiscal Impact



No Impact



Augmentation Required



Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Primary Election was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. As provided by the Clark County Registrar of Voters, the results of this Election were canvassed comparing the computer printout of ballots counted and the results thereof with the official ballot statements for the 345 precincts used in this election. There were no tabulation errors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accept and certify the official election results as presented

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Results of Canvass from the Clark County Registrar of Voters
2. Post Election Certification
3. Subdivision Report – Unofficial Final
4. Statements of Vote for Mayor, Councilman Ward 1, Councilman Ward 3, Councilman Ward 5 and Municipal Court Department 6

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BRENDA J. WILLIAMS, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

BEVERLY BRIDGES, Acting City Clerk, outlined the voter turnout results of the recent primary election. ACTING CITY CLERK BRIDGES indicated there were only six irreconcilable discrepancies that did not alter the outcome of any contest. This election took advantage of optical scanned ballots and she extended her thanks to both her staff, including temporary election staff lead VERNA CASTRO, and County Registrar LARRY LOMAX and his staff. The combined effort ensured a successful election.

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COUNCILMAN WOLFSON commented on the 15 percent voter turnout and queried a ward breakdown of voter turnout. He then questioned whether it would be appropriate for the Council to act in some manner to encourage increased voter participation. ACTING CITY CLERK BRIDGES responded that she would provide specific ward tallies to the Council and outlined the efforts of the Clark County School District to educate via 'Kids' Vote' elementary through high school students on the voting process, who then encourage their parents to vote.

MAYOR GOODMAN added that his advertisements encouraged citizens to utilize the unique privilege to vote regardless of who they voted for. The attempt was rather costly and proved to have little success. DOUG SELBY, City Manager, added that the former City Clerk, RONI RONEMUS, and ACTING CITY CLERK BRIDGES have made significant efforts to increase voting activity. ACTING CITY CLERK BRIDGES noted that the outreach efforts have been in both English and Spanish. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN indicated that she found the Mayor's spots to be good. She stated that she was not aware of any additional efforts the City could take, but that she was pleased that during Early Voting, Ward 1 had the highest number of voters.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON requested the City explore methods used by other municipalities for community outreach regarding this important right. MAYOR GOODMAN highlighted the many voting options available, including mail ballots and early voting. ACTING CITY CLERK BRIDGES advised that some candidates even provided transportation for people wanting to vote who were unable to get to a polling site.

